answer could have been given to the other cases where tenders have been called for.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I went to several shops, saw the articles myself, satisfied myself that they were the lowest prices and purchased them.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is it possible to go to each shop where these articles are sold? I mean if tenders are called for, outside people can also tender. Have you exhausted all the shops that were dealing with these articles?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Direct purchases are made only from Cochin and Ernakulam. Others were all by written orders.

Confirmation—First grade District and Sessions Judge.

222. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) why the post of the First grade District and Sessions Judge is kept vacant ;

(2) is there any reason for not confirming Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) It is not vacant.

(2) He has been confirmed.

St. Mary's School—Needle-work Mistress.

223. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether their attention was drawn to the "[illegible] ൩൩൩" Malayattur, in the issue of the Gomathi dated 13th Mithunam 1107 at page 10 ;

(2) whether there was any tampering with the license of the Needle-work Mistress referred to therein ;

(3) who was the Manager of the school and who was the Mistress ;

(4) when and by whom was it detected and

(5) what was the report of the officer who detected it;

(6) did the Mistress give any explanation regarding the affair ;

(7) if so, what was it ;

(8) were orders issued to prosecute the Manager ;

(9) was this order subsequently withdrawn; and if so, under what circumstances ;

(10) what was the report about this incident before orders were issued for prosecution ;

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(11) how does the matter stand at present?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Fr. Joseph Painadath. C. A. Thanda.

(4) 24th June 1931, Inspector of Schools, Southern Division.

(5) The Inspector reported that the entry in the license regarding the age of the teacher has been changed from 40 to 49.

(6) Yes.

(7) Copy of the Mistress's explanation is appended. (*Appendix I.*)

(8) No; but he was asked to show cause why he should not be prosecuted for tampering with the license.

(9) Yes. On further enquiry it was found that it was not the Manager who had tampered with the license.

(10) Please see answer to sub-division No. 5.

(11) The Inspector, Southern Divison, has been asked to inquire and find out, if possible, the real culprit.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In whose custody was the license?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Till very lately it was in the custody of the Headmaster.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When it was found that some tampering was done with the license, may I know in whose custody was it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—At that time, it was in the custody of the Manager.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then may I know without the knowledge of the Manager how this tampering came into being?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is no proof to find the exact date on which this tampering was done. This Manager was a new Manager and there were managers before.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Was not the license in the custody of the Headmaster [sometime previous to the detection of this tampering?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That was what I submitted. It was previously in the custody of the Headmaster.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any explanation taken from the Headmaster and the Manager?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Explanations have been taken from the Headmaster and practically from all the teachers.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the explanation of the Headmaster?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not got the explanation. I shall give the purport. He said that he did not notice this tampering until it was actually brought to his notice by the authorities.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the explanation of the Manager?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Manager is a man who does not know English. I had practically to bring this fact to his notice. I thought that he might have tampered, but after having enquired into the matter personally, I discovered that it was almost impossible for him to have tampered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the mistress sent out of the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—She was sent out, but she was re-appointed also.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the reason for sending her out?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The reason why she was sent out was that she was 60. But when it was pointed out that she was not 60 she was re-appointed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did she not complain to the Manager that her age was not 60?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—She did complain.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then did he not examine the license?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He said according te the license in his possession her age must be 60, and therefore he sent her out. It was known to the department that she could not have been 60 because we have the counter-foil, and so she was re-appointed.

The Thiyya Bill.

224. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether and if so when the Thiyya Bill passed by the Legislative Council is going to be made law?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Thiyya Bill has been passed into law and published in the Gazette.

Persons given enhanced pension.

225. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to give a list of persons who are given more than what they are entitled strictly under the pension rules on retirement, the amount of excess given to each of them, and the reason for giving the same during the last two years ;

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